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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0033] as follows:

[0033] When operating at preselected process conditions, a number of combinations of values for solids content (C) and feed rate (m) will unexpectedly satisfy Equations I and II and provide substantially solvent-free polyphenylene ether resin (< 1 wt.% solvent) with substantially no by-product (< 250 ppm by-products). However simply satisfying the relationship of Equations I and II does not provide maximum output for the wiped thin film evaporator. To maximize the output of a wiped thin film evaporator, values for solids content, C, and feed rate (m) are considered. The maximum output will be achieved from a pair of values for feed rate (m) and solids content (C) that provide a maximum value for Q, defined by the equation:  $m * C = Q$ , preferably with a solids content of from 25-80 wt %. The values for P, T, M and C can be selected to provide a value for the output, Q, of 90% to 100% of the maximum, as determined from this equation. Optionally, the values P and T can be constant and the values for m and C can be selected to provide a value for the output, Q, of 90-100% of the maximum permitted by Equations I and II.